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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- We plan to use a portion of the CRRSA funds to expand Infant/Toddler care in our TOC. There are currently no other providers for this age group in our area. We will add 3-6 full day slots for children ages 6 weeks to 36 months. To accomplish this we will also need to apply for construction use to modify an existing building to suit this purpose. We understand that if we choose to do this we must submit a Construction Application before July 1, 2021.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- A portion of the CRRSA funds will be used for the purchase of sanitation equipment, specifically a UVC unit (ARC) or an ozone cabinet (ZONO). In addition, we will purchase air purifiers, touchless faucets and touchless soap dispensers for our Tribally Operated Center.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- We do not plan to expend CRRSA funds in this category.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- At this time, we have not determined how to fulfill this requirement. We are awaiting further clarification and guidance from the Office of Child Care on how to go about this in a community where there are no other providers.

5. Other

- We will expend a portion of our CRRSA funds on CCDF activities outlined in our current Plan to keep operations of our Tribally Operated Center stabilized.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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